

AmeriCorps

40 Knox County Community Action Committee AmeriCorps members improved 405 acres of public lands, engaged 2,095 students in meaningful service-learning projects, and provided disaster preparedness training to 941 individuals. The program mobilized 4,303 volunteers in the completion of 12,836 hours of service to the community.

AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC team Delta 9 worked with the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa and their community partners. The team reclaimed hiking trails, cleaned an amphitheater, and learned how to process artifacts. The team organized a day of service and recruited volunteers to assist in improving the homes of 20 senior citizens. Future days of service will be supported by a volunteer list created by the team. Corps members received information from their sponsor on the role that museums play in continuing community education.

AmeriCorps VISTA

In 2013, the STAR Center's Building Together Intermediary VISTA Project provided 31 AmeriCorps VISTA members to serve at 24 organizations in five cities across Tennessee. These VISTAs generated \$839,918 in cash and \$223,186 in non-cash resources, and recruited 2,281 community volunteers to serve 5,093 new disadvantaged clients of all ages (including 75 veterans and military families). Additionally, 848 new disadvantaged children and youth were served in educational afterschool and summer programs, 73 percent of who improved their educational and behavioral outcomes in terms of literacy and math skills and social and emotional development. The project placed 84 clients in jobs after receiving workforce development and job placement services, and 590 homebound or older adults reported services helped them to continue to live at home.

Senior Corps

The Metropolitan Nashville Public School System and the two school districts in Williamson County have determined that children are not making adequate progress in the areas of reading, languages, arts, and math. RSVP volunteers who are serving through FiftyForward in Nashville with the Friends Learning in Pairs program are working hard to change that by providing one-on-one tutoring for the most at-risk students in grades K-4. During the 2011-2012 school year, 148 RSVP volunteers tutored 602 students in 25 elementary schools. Of the students tutored in reading, 82 percent demonstrated an increase of half a grade level or met an educational benchmark. Of the students tutored in math, 100 percent demonstrated an increase or met an educational benchmark.

Social Innovation Fund

The Housing Fund has been awarded an initial subgrant of \$130,000 by Social Innovation Fund intermediary NCB Capital Impact, which they will match dollar-for-dollar with nonfederal funds. They will use the investment to build out a new "Our House" shared equity homeownership program which will include community outreach, homebuyer counseling, and building a pipeline of buyers. The program will serve approximately 170 households over five years. Measurable outcomes include 1) increasing access to affordable homeownership for low income and minority households; 2) increasing the number of low-income and minority households that retain housing and experience stability; 3) advancing the economic outcomes of low-income and minority households; and 4) increasing and maintaining the number of permanently affordable units in Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County.